

Russian Embassy

Isn't the Ticket

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The roof is caving in. The wiring is defective. The sewage system doesn't work.

If you park in the morning before 9:30 a.m. you get a ticket. After 4 p.m., another ticket. And right in your own driveway—a third ticket.

That was the description of the trials of life at the Soviet Embassy given last night by Soviet Minister Counselor Yuri N. Tcheriakov who is charge d'affaires Counselor in the absence of Soviet Ambassador Anatoliy F. Dobrynin, who left for Moscow Sunday for a couple weeks.

The party was given to say farwell to Soviet Military Attache Gen. Mayor Valentin I. Meshcheryakov and to welcome his successor, Col. Michael Stolnik, and Mrs. Stolnik. The Stolnik's son remained in Moscow, but their daughter, Irena, 16, is here for the summer holidays.

Gen. Meshcheryakov expressed the hope that the proposed new American Embassy in Moscow and new Soviet Embassy in Washington will be open on the same day "with flags flying and a party in both embassies."

Minister Counselor Tcheriakov was less optimistic.

He said that after agreements are finally signed between the two countries for new embassies in both capitals, it will be at least a year and a half to two years before any building has been completed.

"We are now waiting for Russian architects to come to design our new embassy," said the Charge.

GUESTS noted that the front window of the present embassy on 16th street, bombed out some months ago by vandals, has not been repaired.

"Yes, the State Department has given us the money, but prices for repairs keep going up in your country," said one embassy official.

The Charge said he feels very little can be done about the present embassy because it is too old-fashioned and out of repair.

Mrs. Dobrynin was at the party, welcoming the British Ambassador and Lady Dean among the first guests.

GUINEA PARTY

Former president of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development George Woods and Mrs. Woods were honored last night at a reception given by the Ambassador of Guinea and Mrs. Karim Bangoura.